

House Resolution No. 158

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made him a source of inspiration for all those around him; and

Whereas, Ken McClain of Independence, Missouri, was named Lawyer of the Year by Missouri Lawyers Weekly; and

Whereas, Ken McClain was chosen by Missouri Lawyers Weekly for his trial work in a case against a Jasper County popcorn factory; and

Whereas, Ken McClain filed a lawsuit on behalf of thirty workers at the Gilster-Mary Lee popcorn factory in September 2001, since which time the suit has resulted in a \$20 million verdict for one client; and

Whereas, Ken McClain successfully argued that products from International Flavors and Fragrances caused lung disease in workers at the Gilster-Mary Lee plant; and

Whereas, with approximately eighty cases still pending against popcorn manufacturers, Ken McClain is also known for his work against tobacco companies regarding wrongful death lawsuits; and

Whereas, Ken McClain was the first lawyer in the country to get a settlement in a tobacco case and he has won two out of three tobacco cases tried in Missouri; and

Whereas, in addition, Ken McClain is working on a case regarding the anti-inflammatory drug Vioxx, which was withdrawn from American and European markets because it has adverse effects on the cardiovascular system; and

Whereas, featured on the PBS television show Now, Ken McClain has about one hundred Vioxx-related cases pending, representing clients who suffered heart attacks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ken McClain for his selection as Missouri Lawyer of the Year, and in further wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ken McClain.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 158, adopted January 19, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker